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Statutory Exemption for the Blind M.G.L. 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE 37A

Applications for Real Estate Exemptions are available the 1st week of October and are due April 1st. As a courtesy, the Assessor's office mails applications to residents who have applied in previous years. However, it is your responsibility to obtain and submit applications in a timely manner.

Per Massachusetts General Laws (Chapter 59, §5, Clause 37A) the Qualification requirements for a Real Estate Exemption due to Blindness Is as follows:

- Must own and occupy the property for which taxes are assessed
- Must complete and submit application annually
- Must submit a current year certificate from the Commission For the blind attesting to a condition of legal blindness
- Application and certificate must be filed timely

Exemptions will be applied to 3rd quarter (February) and 4th quarter (May) tax bills, depending on timeliness.